

MISS WYCHERLY IN PLAY OF MYSTERY

Actress Reappears on Stage as
Spiritualistic Medium in
"The 13th Chair."

TWO MURDERS INVOLVED

Bayard Veiller's Melodrama
Places the Guilt on Un-
suspected Person.

"The Thirteenth Chair"—At the Forty-eighth Street Theatre.

Helen O'Neill, Katherine La Salle, Will Crosby, Calvin Thomas, Mrs. Crosby, Martha Maye, George Crosby, Gardner Crane, Edward Warr, S. K. Walker, Mary Eastwood, Eva Conlon, Helen Frost, Sarah Whitford, Grace Standish, Rose Alken, Bradish Trent, Charles Latt, Howard Standish, Walter Lewis, Philip Mason, George Graham, Elizabeth Enkline, Alice Chase, Robert Palko, A. T. Hendon, Rosalie La Grange, Margaret Wycherly, Tim Donohue, Harrison Hunter, Margaret Dunn, Walter Young, Deane, William Scott.

Margaret Wycherly, one of the most talented and charming actresses on the American stage, who has been absent from the footlights too long, responded last night at the Forty-eighth Street Theatre, in the role of an Irish spiritualistic medium. But the public was grateful to see her again in whatever guise she returned. "The 13th Chair," which had been called "a mystery melodrama" by Bayard Veiller, restored her to the metropolitan stage. Mr. Veiller wrote "Within the Law," and subsequent plays which have been long successful.

There was an admirable idea in "The 13th Chair." There had been a murder. One of the characters is determined to clear up the mystery. The police know no more than that a girl named Helen had visited the victim just before his death. She went for some letters and the two had tea together. Then the man was found stabbed through the back. There were finger prints on Helen's tea cup, but no other evidence on which is suspect the murderer.

Medium in a Dinner Party.

It happened, however, that there was a certain degree of suspicion against a woman present at a dinner party. So there came a spiritualistic medium to this dinner ostensibly to entertain the guests. She is the mother of another Helen—a daughter who had been "educated as a lady" by her mother. After going through the usual tricks of the

BIRTHS.

FAITH—At the Polytechnic Hospital, on the 1st inst., Mrs. George A. Faith of a daughter. English papers please copy.

MARRIED.

MARTWELL—PENCROEN—On Saturday, November 18, at the Church of St. James the Less, Bayside, N. Y., Kate Dobbins Pencroen to Harold Talbot Martwell.

STRONG—MAFEE—On Wednesday, November 15, by Rev. R. L. Tucker, Jean Elsie Mafée to Harvey A. Strong.

DIED.

ANTONELLI—On August 7, at San Michele (Gorizia), Count Camillo Antonelli of Rome, Lieutenant First Grenadiers, killed in action.

ODD—On Monday, November 20, George Gordon Ood, at his late residence, 72 East Eighty-ninth street. Services will be held on Tuesday, November 21, at 2:30 P. M.

CORNELL—Suddenly, November 20, 1916, John Witherspoon, youngest son of Edward S. and Eleanor Witherspoon Cornell, in his 21st year.

Services at his late residence, 68 Halsted street, East Orange, N. J., Wednesday, November 22, at 11 A. M. Interment at Oak Hill Cemetery, Derby, Conn., on arrival of the 3 o'clock train from New York City.

CURTIS—On Saturday, November 18, 1916, at her residence in New York City, Mary Althea Curtis, eldest daughter of the late Chief Justice William Edwards Curtis and Mary A. Curtis.

Funeral services will be held at Watertown, Conn.

FALK—On Monday, November 20, after a lingering illness, Milton J., beloved husband of Amy P. Falk, in the 53d year of his age.

Notice of funeral hereafter.

JONES—On Monday, November 20, 1916, Mahel Evelyn, wife of Edwin Artimus Jones and daughter of Martha B. Gardner.

Funeral services at her late residence, 251 West Ninety-second street, on Wednesday evening, November 22, at 8:15 o'clock. Interment private.

KENNY—On November 20, 1916, John P. Kenny, beloved husband of Mary E. Kenny (nee McIntyre) and brother of the late Thomas A. James J. and Jane Kenny and Mrs. J. J. Hunter.

Funeral from his late residence, 145 St. Mark's avenue, Brooklyn, Wednesday, November 22, at 2:30 A. M. Thence to Church of St. Augustin, Sixth avenue and Sterling place, where a solemn requiem mass will be celebrated. Interment private.

KLACKNER—John, suddenly, on November 20, beloved father of George C. Klackner, in his 49th year. Residence, 7 West Twenty-eighth street.

Funeral notice later.

LANGDON—At his home, Elmira, N. Y., on Sunday, November 19, 1916, Charles Lewis, aged 67 years.

MERRYLE—Suddenly, November 20, Belle Gibbs Merryle, dearly beloved wife of John Merryle, Esq.

Notice of funeral later. Boston papers please copy.

NORRIS—Henry, Polden Norris, M. D., aged 63 years, Sunday, November 19, after a short illness, at his residence, 19 West Forty-ninth street.

Funeral services at the Church of the Heavenly Host, Forty-ninth street and Fifth avenue, Tuesday, November 21, at 2:30 P. M.

THINK—Suddenly, on Monday, November 20, 1916, Dora M. Think (nee Mackarron).

Funeral service at 537 Bay street, Stapleton, S. I., on Thursday, November 23, at 2 P. M. Interment private.

WARR—Robert.

Services **THE FUNERAL CHURCH**, Broadway, Sixty-sixth and Sixty-seventh streets (Campbell Building), Wednesday, 11 o'clock. Auxiliaries Active Fund.

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PERSONALS.

Will be in New York December 1 or 2.

KATHERINE LA SALLE and Calvin Thomas in "The Thirteenth Chair," which opened last evening at the Forty-eighth Street Theatre.



medium she has the guests holding hands about her while her "spirit control" has a conversation with the murdered man. Presumably she is to divulge the name of his assassin.

In the dark she is surrounded by the guests at the dinner. Eagerly they await the name of the murderer. Suddenly there is a groan in the darkness and where the light is switched on, the friend of the murdered man is seen, stabbed in the back to death just as the other had been. The guests are locked in the room at the orders of the host to await the arrival of a police inspector. Thus the first act of the mystery ends.

There follows a duel of wit between the policeman and the spiritualist. The official is convinced that the daughter of the medium was the Helen who visited the murdered man and that she killed the listener at the scene. One after another the characters in the piece come under suspicion. Eventually there is another and unsuspected guest found guilty of the crime.

Request for Secrecy.

Who was he? Wild horses could not drag the secret out of us. A plaintive little note from the press agent implored us not to let the matter go any further. He said it might have the most awful effect on the prospects of the author.

It is not possible to recall at this late hour whether the same request was made by Dumas, Sardou or Pinero. But we strive to please, and the playwright shall never be able to point the finger of scorn at us for breaking a promise. So let it suffice the reader to know that the murderer was the least suspected of all the guests. The action of the play passes in the library of the host who found himself with a murder mystery on his hands.

Out of this fiction the author had devised three absorbing and novel acts which are destined to hold the interest of the public for a long time to come. Mr. Veiller has arranged his scenes most effectively. There is not a minute of tedium in their development.

Luckily, there is no time for analysis. Nobody has the inclination or the time to question why or when. That is in the way the most that should be said in praise of the author. He succeeds so well in keeping his spectators absorbed that there is no time to be analytical. And there could be no better test of melodrama's success.

Margaret Wycherly as the half genuine, half fraudulent spiritualistic medium revealed an entirely novel perhaps her highest histrionic level in her denunciation of the unconscious nobility of the character when a mother and her daughter are revealed to the daughter for whom she had made such sacrifices before she found her in the home of the family she was called upon to visit. Her performance revealed not only high dramatic powers but the priceless gift of imagination.

Harrison Hunter as the emissary of the police opposed to her was also admirable in the clearness and restraint of his acting. Other roles were quite capably performed.

NOTES OF THE SOCIAL WORLD.

Mrs. Raymond Lecher and Miss Mafée will give a luncheon today at Sherby's for Miss Katherine A. Hollister, a debutante.

A sale for the benefit of Kennedy Settlement House will be held on Thursday afternoon in the vestry room of the New Church, between Park and Lexington avenues, in East Thirty-fifth street. Among the officers of the settlement are Mrs. Starling Childs, Mrs. Philip W. Henry and Mrs. Frank A. Vanderlip.

Mrs. Edward P. Darrell will give a luncheon at Sherby's today for her debutante daughter, Miss Dorothy Darrell.

Mrs. Edward Everett Hall will give a reception at her home, 636 Fifth avenue, on Friday afternoon, for her daughter, Miss Wendell Hall, for whom she will give a dance at Sherby's on Thanksgiving night.

Mrs. John D. Barrett gave a luncheon today at Sherby's for Miss Beatrice Pyron, the debutante daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George M. Pyron. The guests included some of the debutantes of this and last season. Among them were Miss Helen Porter, Dorothea Camp, Louise Harkness, Marion Perry, Mrs. McCarter, Elsie Saltus, Grace Montgomery, Charlotte Guye, Elizabeth La Boiteux, Lily Rupert, Ethel Simmons, Florence Lincoln, Mary Cushman and Isabel Stettinius.

Swift & Company's sales of Beef in New York City for the week ending Sunday, November 19, were as follows: Domestic Beef, 11,332 cents per pound—4th.

TODAY'S BEAUTY HINT

It is not necessary to shampoo quite so frequently if your hair is properly cleaned each time by use of a really good shampoo. The easiest to use and quickest drying shampoo that we can recommend to our readers may be prepared very cheaply by dissolving a teaspoonful of castor oil, obtained from your druggist, in a cup of hot water. This rubbed into the scalp creates a thick lather, soothing and cooling in its action, as well as beneficial to scalp and hair. After rinsing the scalp is fresh and clean, while the hair dries quickly and evenly, developing a bright luster and a soft fluffiness that makes it seem very heavy.—Ad.

EDWARD C. J. RUNGE, ART EXPERT, IS DEAD

Authority on Chinese Porcelains and Other Oriental Workmanship.

Edward C. J. Runge, 63 years old, an authority on Oriental works of art, porcelains and articles of rare workmanship, died at his home, 154 Bowne avenue, Flushing, early yesterday morning.

Mr. Runge was born in Hanover, Germany, and with his father was engaged for a number of years in the mercantile business in Germany. He came to this country in 1866 and located in New York, where he obtained a position with Herter Bros., 325 Fifth avenue, interior decorators and importers of Chinese porcelains. He made a trip to China for this firm in 1912.

In 1911 Mr. Runge formed a partnership with Thomas B. Clarke and opened an establishment in 5 East Thirty-fourth street, Manhattan, where Mr. Runge devoted his attention to the purchase of Chinese porcelains and similar articles. For twenty-three years he traveled back and forth to China and upon one twenty-five months in China. He acquired a knowledge of the Chinese language and always had a high regard for Chinese methods and business integrity.

Mr. Runge made purchases for the late J. Pierpont Morgan and also for the Alton collection. He is reported to have had an audience with the Dowager Empress and knew Li Hung Chang personally. He was also personally acquainted with the late Mr. K'ai, the first President of China. He was in China at the time of the Boxer uprising.

Retiring from business in 1911 Mr. Runge disposed of his collection of Chinese curios at private sale, realizing \$50,000.

He married Miss Louise Bumgarten in New York June 1, 1871, and she survives with seven children, Mrs. C. Meyer, Mrs. Emil Rump, Miss Reno Runge, Emil Runge and Paul Runge, all of Flushing, and Walter Runge, of Elizabeth, N. J., a sister, Miss Eliza Runge of Hanover, Germany, and a brother, Henry Runge of Brooklyn.

CARLETON SPRAGUE.

Assistant Secretary of Western Union Telegraph Co. Dies.

Carleton Sprague, assistant secretary of the Western Union Telegraph Company, died on Sunday after a brief illness. Mr. Sprague was born in Buffalo on December 24, 1858, and was the son of E. Carleton Sprague, a prominent lawyer in that city. He was prepared for college at Phillips Exeter Academy and was graduated from Harvard University in 1881.

Mr. Sprague lived in Buffalo until three years ago. He was a leading spirit in the Buffalo Exposition in 1901, and for many years was a director and one year president of the Buffalo Fine Arts Society. He was president of the Buffalo Society of Artists in 1909 and 1910.

Soon after he was graduated from college he married Alice Brayley of Buffalo, who survives him.

JOHN P. KENNY.

Former Reporter for "The Sun" Dies at His Brooklyn Home.

John P. Kenny, many years ago City Hall and political reporter for "The Sun," died yesterday at his home, 145 St. Mark's place, Brooklyn, after a long illness.

In 1899 Mr. Kenny was appointed an examiner in the law and adjustment division of the Department of Finance. Later he was transferred to the Commission of Accounts office, where he remained until his death. A year ago, following the death of his mother and his brother within one week, Mr. Kenny became ill. He went South on a trip, but was unable to regain his strength. He was about 50 years old, and leaves a widow and three children.

JOHN KLACKNER.

Head of Art Firm Drops Dead in Pennsylvania Station.

John Klackner, 63 years old, head of the art firm of Christian Klackner, which is well known in this city and London, died last night in the Pennsylvania station. He was seated on a bench waiting for a train to his home in Manhattan when he dropped to the floor.

Mr. Klackner, a widower, is survived by his son, George C. Klackner. Several years ago, he succeeded his brother, Christian, in the firm. His establishment at 7 West Twenty-eighth street has housed important exhibitions in its time and is noted for the color prints and engravings it has published.

GEORGE GORDON COPP.

Former Member of "The Sun" Staff Dies at Age of 63.

George Gordon Copp, a former Sun man, died yesterday in his home at 12 East Eighty-ninth street after an illness of more than a year. He was 63 years of age.

Mr. Copp first entered newspaper work in 1883, when he became a reporter on the Harlem Local Reporter. Later he was on the staff of the City Press for several years. In 1891 he became connected with "The Sun" and was for eight years on its staff. Part of that time he was in charge of the Harlem office.

After his retirement from "The Sun" Mr. Copp made two botanical expeditions through Arizona and California. The first of these, in 1906, was for the Botanical Gardens, and the second, a year later, for Harper's Magazine. Mr. Copp was unmarried.

COUNT CAMILLO ANTONELLI.

Italian Nobleman Is Killed on the Corso Front.

Word has just been received from Italy of the death in action of Count Camillo Antonelli of Rome. He was killed at San Michele while trying to rescue under fire some of his men who had been wounded.

Count Antonelli was well known in New York and Newport. At the outbreak of the war he was living in Paris, and although not then a soldier, he volunteered for service enlisting as a private in the Second Dragons, Piemonte Reale Cavalry.

Pinning that there was not sufficient activity in that branch of the service he was transferred to the First Grenadiers, and went to the front as a

Second Lieutenant.

He had hardly reached the front when he was wounded by shell fire. Ten days later he had returned to his command, and remained at the front until he fell in the great battle which resulted in the capture of Gorizia.

On the last day of his life he led seven bayonet charges, and was recommended for the "Medaglia al Valore" for bravery under fire. Count Antonelli was 27 years old.

Henry Gunder.

Brownstone, Ind., Nov. 20.—Henry Gunder, 79, widely known as an educator in Indiana and Ohio a number of years ago and later in the same work in Arkansas, died here today at the home of his son, George W. Gunder. Gunder had a wide reputation as an expert mathematician. He came to Indiana from Ohio in 1873. He had held the chair of mathematics at Findlay College in Ohio and the Little Rock University, Little Rock, Ark.

Lloyd E. Maraden.

MOUNT VERNON, N. Y., Nov. 20.—Lloyd E. Maraden of 30 East Fourth street, Mount Vernon, for ten years secretary of the Tompash Extension Mining Company of New York, died today at the Mount Vernon Hospital, aged 40 years. He was a prominent musician and a member of the New York Musical Union. He was born in Bernards Bay, N. Y. He leaves a wife and two children.

James Francis Burns.

James Francis Burns, who retired as captain of a Brooklyn fire company nineteen years ago following an injury to his spine, died on Saturday in his home, 191 Luquer street. He was born in Brooklyn sixty-one years ago. Two sons and two daughters survive.

Charles Kura.

Charles Kura, a retired manufacturer of cabinetry, died on Saturday in his home, 733 Franklin avenue, Brooklyn.

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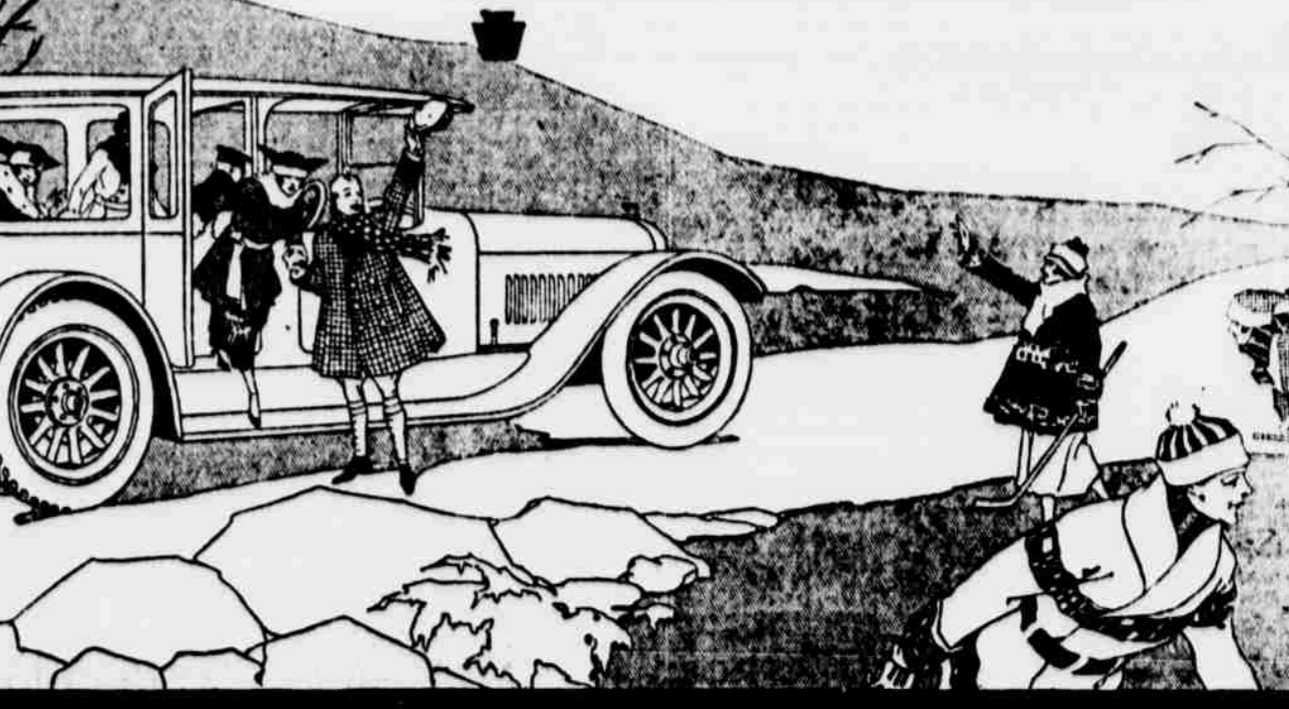
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